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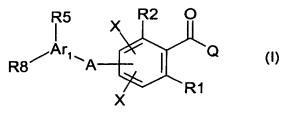
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(57) Abstract: Novel compounds of Formula (I) which modulate MCH activity are disclosed, in which A is a linker; Ar<sub>1</sub> is an aryl or heteroaryl group; R1 is a lower alkoxy group; R2 is an R1 group or hydrogen, an OH or an NH<sub>2</sub> group, Q together with the carbonyl forms an amide group, which is further substituted with an amine group; R5 is selected from hydrogen, halogen atoms, alkoxy groups, hydroxy, alkylamino groups, dialkylamino groups, hydroxylalkyl groups, carboxamido groups, acylamido groups, acyl groups, -CHO, nitrile, alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl groups,

-SCH<sub>3</sub>, partially or fully fluorinated alkyl, alkoxy or thioalkoxy groups such as -CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -OCF<sub>3</sub>, -SCF<sub>3</sub>; -SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NHAlk, -SO<sub>2</sub>NAlk<sub>2</sub>, -SO<sub>2</sub>Alk; X is H, F, Cl, Br, I, -SCH<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -OCF<sub>3</sub>, -SCF<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>3</sub>, or lower alkyl or alkenyl group; R8 is halogen atoms, alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl groups, cycloalkyl groups, aryl groups, heteroaryl groups, heterocyclyl groups, alkylcycloalkyl groups, alkylaryl groups, alkylheterocyclyl groups, alkylheteroaryl groups, arylakoxy groups, aryloxy groups, alkoxy groups, dialkylamino groups, -CONHAlk, -CONHAr, -CONAlk<sub>2</sub>, -NHCO-Alk, -NHCO-Ar, -CO-Alk, -CO-Ar, -SCH<sub>3</sub>, partially or fully fluorinated alkyl, alkoxy or thioalkoxy groups; or R8 is R6-Ar<sub>2</sub>-B-, in which B is a single bond or a connecting moiety; Ar<sub>2</sub> is an Ar<sub>1</sub> group; R6 is an R5 group; and which are useful in the treatment or prevention of e.g. obesity, depression, diabetes, bulimia etc.



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